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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Child Benefit (Determination of Claims and Questions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 8*th July* 1977

Coming into operation . . . . 22*nd July* 1977

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 119(3) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**a**), as applied by Article 10 of the Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**b**) and as extended by Article 13(5) of the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**c**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Child Benefit (Determination of Claims and Questions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 22nd July 1977.

Amendment of the Child Benefit (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations

2. For regulation 17 of the Child Benefit (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**d**) (circumstances in which benefit found not to have been payable is to be treated as properly paid) there shall be substituted the following regulation:

"*Date from which benefit is to be payable to a person in respect of a child in respect of whom another person has previously been awarded benefit*

17.—(1) The following provisions of this regulation shall have effect for the purpose of determining the date from which benefit is to be payable to a person (hereafter in this regulation referred to as 'A') in respect of a child in a case where, before benefit was awarded to A in respect of that child, benefit in respect of that child had been awarded to another person (hereafter in this regulation referred to as 'B').

(2) Where benefit paid in respect of the child for any week under the award made in favour of B is, by a decision on appeal or review found not to be payable, it shall be treated as properly paid if—

(*a*) it was received by another person (whether or not A) who as at that week either had the child living with him or was contributing towards the cost of providing for the child at a weekly rate which was not less than the weekly rate of benefit paid in respect of the child under the award made in favour of B; and

(*b*) a person could have been entitled to benefit in respect of the child for that week had a claim been made before that week.

(a) 1975 c. 15
(b) S.I. 1975/1504 (N.I. 16)
(c) S.I. 1977/610 (N.I. 11)
(d) S.R. 1976 No. 225 (I, p. 1038)

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), any benefit awarded to A in respect of the child for a week earlier than that in the course of which A is awarded benefit in respect of the child shall not be payable if that earlier week is one in respect of which benefit paid under the award made in favour of B is treated as properly paid under paragraph (2).

(4) Where for any week in relation to which paragraph (2) applies, being a week not earlier than that in the course of which A makes a claim to benefit in respect of the child, the weekly rate of benefit paid in respect of the child under the award made in favour of B is lower than the weekly rate of benefit awarded to A in respect of the child, paragraph (3) shall not operate so as to make the difference between those weekly rates not payable to A.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on 8th July 1977.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the Child Benefit (Determination of Claims and Questions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976.

Regulation 2 substitutes for regulation 17 of the 1976 Regulations a new provision relating to the date as from which child benefit is payable to a person in respect of a child in respect of whom another person has previously been awarded child benefit.